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SUBJECT: ILO'S INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

REF: A. SECSTATE 94764

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 94818

[1](#)1. (U) LabOff delivered reftel points to MFA Director of Multilateral Affairs and International Organizations Benjamin Villacis, and to Veronica Mora and Fernando Altamirano of the same office. Altamirano said that demarche points on the ILO proposed budget had already been delivered to Ecuador's entire delegation to the ILO conference. The delegation is headed by Minister of Labor Galo Chiriboga and includes the MOL's Solimar Herrera, Deputy Andres Paez (head of Congress' Labor Commission), union leaders (Jaime Arciniegas, Mesias Tatamuez, Santiago Yagual, and Fernando Ibarra), and business leaders (Dr. Diaz Garaicoa and others).

[1](#)2. (SBU) On Cuba's candidacy to be a non-permanent member of the ILO Governing Body, Altamirano said GRULAC members were leaning towards supporting Barbados instead. The GOE would also encourage GRULAC to settle on one candidate.

[1](#)3. (U) The Minister of Labor and union leaders have a planned 15-minute meeting with ILO Director General Juan Somavia in Geneva during the week of June 6 to discuss weaknesses in labor rights in Ecuador, according to the AFL-CIO Solidarity Center here.  
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